

WHY STUDY CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES?

(1 Peter 3:15)

I. Definitions

A. “Apologetics”—“the systematic scientific _____ of the Christian faith in all its aspects against the _____ attacks of its adversaries”

1. Emphasizes _____ systems
2. Builds a _____ defense

B. “Evidences”—“setting forth _____ reasons for accepting the Bible as _____ and Jesus Christ as _____ and _____”

II. Reasons

A. The Bible _____ it (1 Pet. 3:15; cf. Phil. 1:7, 16; Col. 4:6; Titus 1:9; Jude 1:3)

B. The early Christians _____ it

1. Evidence of Christ’s _____ (Acts 4:33; 1 Cor. 15:1-8)
2. Evidence of God in _____ (Acts 14:15-17; Rom. 1:20)

3. Evidence of their own _____ (Acts 26:9-22; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)

4. Evidence of _____ (Acts 26:22, 27)

C. Our contemporary culture _____ it

III. Uses

A. To provide the _____ with credible _____ of the gospel's _____

B. To make the _____ completely _____ in the gospel's _____

1. To _____ their _____

2. To _____ them to witness _____

3. To _____ them to stand without _____ on the full _____ of God's Word

IV. Cautions

A. Potential for a _____

B. Danger of becoming _____

C. Requires _____ in _____

D. Cannot replace _____ and reliance on the _____